ST. JOHNSBURY'S SCHOOLS.

A Review of their Condition and the Work they have Accomplished During the Past Year.

Mrs. Anne S. May, superintendent of schools, has presented her report for the town year just closing, and from her excellent resume of the condition of this most important department of municipal life we glean the following:

Schools have been kept in every district for the number of weeks required by law, and nearly every district has provided for more than 24 weeks of tuition. There has been a marked increase in the length of the terms; two districts outside of Union have had 33 weeks of school, one 31, several 30. Several school-houses have been repaired and all are very comfortable, with the exception of that in Goss Hollow. The superintendent advocates the uniting of the schools at Goss Hollow and Cold Corners (Nos. 7 and 17) and hopes that if any more district school-houses are built in St. Johnsbury there will be some deviation from the oldfashioned plan, and thinks that there is house too convenient or attractive.

Another scheme that the superintendent favors is the annexation of several houses near the fair ground to Union district. Several families in that vicinitv. she says, already send their children to the Union school; and as No. 11 has member of the class of '91 at the ter, N. H., Saturday, in his 74th no winter school, the best part of the year is lost to the children there.

Many of the district schools are equipped with sets of charts, and the superintendent finds that in these schools especially good work has been done-the improvement being very great as compared with the work of three years ago. Many of the teachers are attempting work outside of the regular studies, and as a result their pupils are becoming familiar with standard works both in poetry and prose, and learning something of authors of note.

The best work has been done in those schools where the same teachers have been retained through the year. The superintendent says candidly that the work has been very uneven, and deplores the fact that some of the instructors are but poorly qualified for the work. "There is room," she says, "in the poorest un-graded school for the wisest of women."

The superintendent finds schools in town where the children areenthusiastic and hard workers; and she puts in a plea for more blackboard room in every school, a set of charts where these are lacking, and a set of blocks to be used in drawing. Reference is made to Miss Ross' excellent advice on the subject of drawing, and the superintendent hopes soon to introduce into the schools a year's course of lessons prepared by Miss Ross. She expresses her appreciation of the kindness shown her by the teachers of the district schools.

THE UNION SCHOOLS.

Speaking of the Union schools, the superintendent says that the annexation of Summerville did not cause any break in the work, for the schools of the latter place were so much like those of Union district that they fell into line easily. The three rooms at Summerville are among the most attractive, and we all rejoice at the union, that has not only enlarged the village, but given an impetus to our work in education.

All the school rooms in the district are now fresh and attractive, with the exception of the shell at Fairbanks village, and aids to work are increasing continually. The progress being made in the several departments is very gratifying. Special attention is being given to writing, drawing and geography. The highest grade, under the head of "News of the Week," has given sometime to current events. Quotations from good authors, illustrated compositions, committing whole poems to memory, have taken many hours in several grades. The time to be given in the future to natural history, using the specimens in the Museum as aids, will be only an enlargement of what has been done in the past. The primary schools have done work in this study, including lessons on crabs and squirrels. The first intermediate did some pretty work with pebbles and animals: the second intermediate with leaves and animals. One of the grades has had some lessons in geology. In every grade a great deal of attention is paid to language work, both written and spoken.

Pres. Eliot attacks the waste of time in grammar schools from having so much arithmetic. One of the most scholarly gentlemen St. Johnsbury ever had, made the same charge. We are working free from that fault. In the lower grades the number work is very fine; in the higher, the text-book used is so much simpler than its predecessors, a great deal of time is saved, formerly spent in working examples, that had no value save in long multiplications and endless decimals.

Those who were present at the exhibition of singing, given last summer, can judge for themselves of its success. The day has gone by when anyone raises a dissenting voice in regard to music as a study of our schools.

We are very proud of our schools, of the buildings, the teachers, the high standard of scholarship kept, and the still higher one aimed at. It is true the schools are supported by public interest and self-denial, but the hard work is done by conscientious and capable teachers. I often wonder if people realize how much time and money teachers spend in finding out new methods and fitting themselves to introduce them. Educational magazines, visits to city and summer schools, may give a great deal of pleasure, but they are not had for nothing.

The superintendent considers the past year a successful one, because all along the line have been attempts at improvement, marks of real interest in work, and hopes the next year will show still more progress.

TEN CARS DERAILED.

On Monday morning last a mixed train on the Lake road was derailed near West Danville, and quite a smashup resulted. Ten cars loaded with malt, grain, phosphate, clay and other freight, jumped the track and were badly broken up, entailing a considerable property loss. The track. The train was moving fast and the derailed cars were piled up rather promiscuously.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Julius Houghton of Boston has been in town the past week.

H. E. Randall of Island Pond paid

new house on Highland street this

house this winter.

Westfield on Wednesday, March 2. Delos M. Bacon, grand master, tendance on a Masonic dedication.

represents a Montgomery establishment that turns out 150,000 butter tubs a year, was in town this week.

Chas. C. Locke, employed as clerk no danger of getting a district school- at Lougee Bros. & Smythe's, was North church. The funeral was held married at Newport on the 18th inst. to Miss Ida Giffin of St. Johns-

William J. Boardman of Barnet, a Westfield, Mass., last week.

the packing department at the scale married Miss Jane Pike, sister of works for about 10 years, has obtained a good position at the Insane | banks and Mrs. D.D. Webster, all of Asylum at Taunton, Mass. He leaves for Taunton about March 1. the same institution. Quite a number of their friends called on Mr. and leaves five children. His remains Mrs. Barr Tuesday evening to wish them well in their Massachusetts body was buried in Mt. Pleasant

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE NEWS.

A bequest of \$5000 for a scholarship fund was received last week, by the will of Mrs. Adelia D. Alpine of New York. The bequest was made in memory of her first husband, Col. George E. Chamberlin of St. Johnsbury. Col. Chamberlin graduated from Dartmouth in 1860 and the Grand Army post at St. Johnsbury is named for him. He died at Sandy Hook, Va., Aug. 22, 1864, from a wound received the day before while leading a charge.

R. E. Stevens '95, Academy '91,

E. G. Grover attended the Sophomore class supper at Brattleboro, Monday evening.

C. S. Hoskins made a short visit at Lisbon and St. Johnsbury the first of the week.

W. H. Merrill '94, and R. E. Stevens '95, were in St. Johnsbury over Sun-

E. B. McDuffee '92, of the Chandler school, called upon Prof. Chapman at St. Johnsbury Academy Monday. The second annual indoor athletic meet will be held in the gymnasium,

Saturday, March 19. Grover and Knowlton '94 are contributors to the February "Literary."

Half of the Fayerweather bequest of \$100,000 has been paid to the college and the rest is due next week.

RAILROAD NEWS. D. W. Sanborn has been appointed general superintendent of the Boston and Maine road. He began his railroad career as station agent for the Boston & Maine in 1859 and has ever since remained in the employ of that road.

The Baby Pathfinder for February is out, with a great deal of useful information regarding trains and steamboat lines. It can be had at the book stores.

Supt. H. E. Folsom attended a meeting of the directors of the Vermont Valley railroad at Springfield Friday, to elect a president to succeed the late A. B. Harris. The directors elected Oscar Edwards of Northamp-

VERMONT PERSONALS.

Senator H. H. Rankin of Milton died on the 18th, aged 46. He was born in Georgia, and began business in Milton in 1865. He had held several town offices, and had represented Milton in the legislature.

A. A. Earle, the well known newspaper man, who has been very ill for some time past, at Newport, is now said to be much worse, and is in an unconscious condition most of the

FROM THE EAST VILLAGE. There will be a concert and an antiquarian supper at the church one \$1048.38; while in the January of week from next Friday evening, the present year over 381 gallons mail train from Swanton, due here March 4, the proceeds to be used for were sold and the receipts were at 12.15 p. m., was delayed some- paying church expenses. A cordial \$1653.95. what by the accident, though prompt invitation is extended to all. As measures were taken to clear the this is the first festival here this winter, it will, without doubt, be a pleasant and we hope a successful of business at the town liquor agen-

RECENT DEATHS.

Paddock.

dock, died at her daughter's home in the removal of gasoline stoves that his St. Johnsbury friends a visit this Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday. She left St. Johnsbury about two months ing this operation some little noise William C. Tyler moved into his ago and was taken sick in Brooklyn made by the stoves frightened Ranwith the grip and never rallied from ney & Potts' horse, which stood the effects of that insidious disease. near by, into a run. Mr. French Mr. and Mrs. F. Farrington of She would have been 80 years old Walden are boarding at the Avenue next month. Most of her life had been spent in St. Johnsbury, at the his left leg was broken, and he was Rev. G. M. Curl expects to deliver Paddock homestead on Main, street. also badly hurt about the thigh and his lecture, "Load, Aim and Fire" at | She was born at Barre March 1, 1812, and was married to Mr. Paddock on the 5th day of June, 1834. was at Richmond last week in at- She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Henry Dennis of Brooklyn and Mrs. J. A. Rouse of East Berkshire, who James Taylor of St. Johnsbury. There is also a sister in San Diego, Cal., another sister in Boston and a brother in Derby. Mrs. Paddock was one of the oldest members of the here on Monday afternoon, Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks officiating.

Calvin Patterson died at Manches-Academy, responded to the toast, year. Mr. Patterson resided in St. "Our Prize Winners" at the Freshman | Johnsbury about 20 years previous class supper of the Amherst boys at to the war. He was a blacksmith by trade and is well remembered by N. W. Barr, who has worked in the older residents of this town. He BUSINESS NOTES. Avery D. Pike, Mrs. William P. Fairthis place. Mrs. Patterson died very suddenly here in July, 1890. Since Mrs. Barr has obtained a position in the war Mr. Patterson had lived in elsewhere that they are making all Manchester most of the time He- kinds of sugar tools at their shop at were brought here Monday and the cemetery.

AT ST. JOHNSBURY CENTRE.

Miss Cora Sargent closed her sixth term of school in this village last Friday. In the afternoon she treated her pupils to warm maple sugar, which the little ones enjoyed very

A. A. Pierce has exchanged his farm with J. E. Dana, for his place in this village and \$1000.

James Houston and family returned from Lynn, Mass., last Monday. He has hired A. C. Whitney's farm for one year, and takes possession HORSE GOSSIP. this week. N. D. Jay, who has ocfinished his school at Norwich last cupied the place the past three years, moves to a farm he has purchased in Danville. Mr. Whitney has decided to remain in the village.

Rev. F. D. Buckley of St. Johnsbury preached an excellent sermon in the Congregational church last Sunday evening.

Miss Josephine Harriman goes to Boston next week, to continue her studies at the Emerson School of

Mrs. Helen Hurd of Boston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Learned.

The L. A. S. cleared about \$13 at their entertainment Monday evening. The village schools closed last Friday; the higher department with a sleigh-ride, and the primary with a sugar party at the school-house.

Miss Abbie Hoyt closed her school in district No. 12 with an exhibition Tuesday evening.

THE GRIP AND LIQUOR SALES.

Through the courtesy of County Commissioner Morrill we are able to give this week some figures showing how the sales of liquor in Caledonia county town were affected by the recent grippe epidemic. In January, 1892, there were sold in Burke 511/2 gallons amounting to \$227.65; in Danville 36 galls., 3 qts and 1 pt, amounting to \$157; in Hardwick 53 galls., 3 qts (and 2 bottles), \$237.63; in Lyndon 59 galls., 2 qts. 1 pt. (and 20 bottles), \$290.85; in St. Johnsbury 144 galls., 2 pts (and 131 bottles various liquors), \$592 .-04; in Peacham 35 galls., 1 pt., \$148.78, the total sales amounting to \$1653.95.

In January, 1890, there were sold in Burke 32 galls. 1 qt., receipts \$136.98; in Danville, 23 galls., \$95; in Hardwick 19 galls. 1qt., \$82.20; in Lyndon 29 galls. 3 qts., \$122.50; in St. Johnsbury 101 galls. (and 70 bottles), \$427.84; in Peacham 24 galls. 3 qts., \$101.10; in Wheelock 18 galls. 1 pt., \$72.76,-the sales aggregating \$1048.38.

In January, 1880, in six towns, 134 galls., 2 qts. 1pt. were sold, amounting in value to \$503.84 on the agents' books. It will be seen that the total amount in 1890 was a trifle over 248 galls, and the receipts were

These figures show that the grippe needed a great deal of stimulus, and was responsible for a large increase

BADLY HURT.

Chas. P. French, a clerk at N. R. Switser's, was badly hurt on Mon-Mary L. Paine, wife of Horace Pad- day morning. He was assisting in had been used at the Board of Trade banquet at the town hall, and durjumped at the horse to prevent a runaway, and was knocked down and stepped on by the animal. Abone in his back was somewhat bruised. He is doing as well as could be expected, in for some time. Mr. French sprained his ankle badly in the fall, and has also been sick a good deal this winter; so this accident comes the more heavily on him.

SUMMERVILLE NOTES.

James L. Stiles has moved into a tenement in E. L. Hovey's new block

on Portland street. Hovey and Howe have sold a lot on Portland street to B. F. Weeks and Jefferson Cowles.

B. F. Weeks has contracted the building of his house to Bragg and Morris.

J. N. Chandler, who has been ill for several weeks, is able to drive out. Jason Barrett has moved into the farm lately bought by him of E. A.

Col. Dennis E. May has gone to Richford on a business trip.

J. A. Moore is in Boston this week after his spring and summer clothing

and furnishing goods.
H. E. & D. Q. Woodruff announce St. Johnsbury. Mrs. S. M. Hill's dressmaking

rooms are at No. 11 Central street.

REAL ESTATE NEWS.

F. W. Carr has sold his house in Summerville to W. L. Russell, who will occupy it. The price paid was

Robert Mackinnon has bought a building lot on Boynton hill and will probably build this year.

A BRAKEMAN HURT.

man, was struck on the head by a bridge near Hyde Park last Friday, and when found was in an unconscious condition on the top of a car. He escaped with a scalp wound and a cut on the cheek.

Ex-Gov. George W. Hendee of Morrisville purchased last week Carlebred and raised by C. J. Hamlin of Buffalo, N. Y. John Utton of Morrisville will handle him this season.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

[Business notices, occupying a prominent position in the CALEDONIAN, will be inserted for 10 cents a line, with no charge for less than 25 cents. Special rates for a regular

Woonsocket Rubber Boots by the cart load at O. S. Abbott's.

F. W. Silsby, the auctioneer, has about closed out his stock of goods at 101 Eastern Avenue and adjourns until March 8, when he will open again with a new stock.

We are filling orders every day for "St. Johnsbury Illustrated" at the CALE-DONIAN office. One hundred and seven sold last week. Price in cloth \$1.00; by mail \$1.15. In paper covers 50 cents; by mail 60 cents.

MR. HENRY S. REDMOND advertises in our columns that he makes a specialty of the sale of selected investment bonds and also accepts orders on the New York Stock exchange, of which he is a member, and allows 4 per cent on daily balances.

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Births.

At St. Johnsbury, Feb. 19, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cade. At St. Johnsbury, Feb. 3, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Walker. At Monroe, Feb. 20, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nelson.

Marriages.

At the residence of the bride's uncle in Newport Centre, Feb. 18, by Rev. A. Gregory, Charles C. Locke and Ida L. Giffin, both of St. Johnsbury.

Deaths.

At St. Johnsbury, Feb. 17, Michael Plana-gau, aged 82. At St. Johnsbury Centre, Feb. 14, Adeline, wife of H. N. Roberts, aged 66 years and 10

At Peacham, killed by a falling tree, T. M. Witham, aged about 35. At West Concord, Feb. 20, Mrs. James B Ball, aged 82 years. At Sheffield, Peb. 23, Noah L. Folsom, aged 64.

At Hardwick, Feb. 18, at the home of her son-in-law, J. M. Haucock, Sophia Ellsworth, widow of Luke Goss, aged 92 years and 5 At Manchester, N. H., Peb. 20, Calvin Patterson, aged 73 years, 6 months and 15 days. Formerly of St. Johnsbury.

At Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 20, Mrs. Mary I Paddock of St. Johnsbury, aged 80. At Denver, Col., Feb. 14, Onia F. Chaffee aged 30 years, 11 months and 12 days.

New Advertisements.

GIRL WANTED. Buquire at once at the Domestic Bakery.

TENEMENT TO RENT. A good tenement of six rooms to let at 28 Cliff street. Enquire of M. McCORMICK.

WASHING AND IRONING. I wish to obtain washing and ironing to do at home. Buquire at No. 38 Clark's avenue, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

E. & T. FAIRBANKS & CO. KID GLOVES.

Our spring importation of Foster kid gloves has arrived. The assortment is large and embraces all the new shades, such as modes, tans, browns, grays, slates, blacks, etc. The line also includes an assortment of gauntlet wrist, elbow, and shoulder lengths in opera

PRICES.

but will doubtless be obliged to keep 5 hook, black and assorted colors, per pair, \$1.00 1.50 Musquetaire length, black and assorted colors, per pair, 1.75 2.75 Elbow length, opera shades, per pair, 3.25 Shoulder ' 1.50 Gauntlet wrists, colors, per pair,

> Every pair fully warranted and mailed to any address on receipt of price. If not satisfactory can be exchanged or money refunded.

SPECIAL.

Fifty pairs 7 hook Foster gloves, colors, last season's purchase, at \$1.00 per pair, reduced from \$1.50.

Last call on Winter Garments.

We don't want to be obliged to pack away a single winter garment. Consequently we shall make some remarkably low prices to close out what we have left, consisting of fur lined circulars, jackets, cloth capes, fur shoulder capes, etc.

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One case of cotton novelty dress goods. Spring styles in stripes, plaids and mixtures at 7 cents per yard. Regular price 10 cents.

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Music Hall.

SUGAR TOOLS.

THE PUBLIC WILL PLEASE NOTICE

That we are again prepared to furnish Sugar Tools and other goods in our line (if not on hand, will make to order,) at our shop between St. Johnsbury and the Centre, such as tin buckets, cans (square and round,) spouts, sugar pails, sap pans, tinware, (sheet iron, copper and brass and zinc ware,) etc. Send in your orders. All cheap for cash.

A FEW COAL STOVES STILL ON HAND. A quantity of the noted POLARIS POTATOES for seed. This is a first class potato that yields well, as high as 700 or 800 bushels per acre; we raised on our farm last year about 400 bushels per acre. A large quantity of northern yellow corn, white corn, yellow eyed beans, etc., for seed.

H.E. & D.Q. WOODRUFF,

St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

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Graduate and Medalist of the Mont Veterinary School. Bachelor of veterinary science of Laval University, Montreal. Late Surgeon to the Montreal Veterinary Hos-pital. Office at the Avenue House Block, 56 Railroad St., St. Johnsbury, Vt.

FOR SALE.

One hundred and fifty bushels nice eating potatoes. 100 bushels (Early Ohio) and 50 bushels (Polaris), delivered in St. Johnsbury in lots of 5 bushels or more at 50 cents a bushel. Any one wanting same, drop me a postal at St. Johnsbury Centre. E. P. ALLEN. St. Johnsbury Centre, Vt., Feb. 11, 1892.